out and no one is left behind. We do so guided by the vision of our Founders, the sacrifice of our military and their families, and the aspirations that we all have for the children.

To do so, we need God's blessing. May God bless all of us. God bless all of you. God bless our men and women in uniform, our servicemembers and their families, our veterans. And may God bless America.

Thank you all very much. It is my honor.

As Speaker, I am now ready to take the oath of office. I usually do so surrounded by children, but, of course, COVID has prevented that. But they are our purpose—for the children.

I ask the dean of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Don Young from Alaska, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, before I issue the oath, I would like to take privilege on the floor as the dean.

I have been in this House longer than anybody else. I have served with you longer than anybody else has served with you. I love this institution. I will be honest: I do not like what I see. It is time we hold hands and talk to one another.

Madam Speaker, I say this with all sincerity: You will be the Speaker of the House, not of a party.

And that may hurt some of you. The job of our Nation is for the House of Representatives to govern this Nation. It was never meant to be the executive branch. It was never meant to be the judicial branch. It is this House that raises the money and dedicates how it shall be spent. And we are representing the people, as we were elected.

□ 1745

And I say this with all sincerity, Madam Speaker, that when you do have a problem or there is something so contentious, let's sit down and have a drink and solve those problems for the good of this Nation, for this institution, and, as you said, for the future children of this great Nation. We can do it as a body. As the dean to the new Speaker, I ask you to try to attempt to do that. With our leader, we can do it together

If the gentlewoman from California will please raise her right hand.

Mr. Young then administered the oath of office to Ms. Pelosi of California, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. I thank the dean.

SWEARING IN OF DEAN

The SPEAKER. I am honored to be sworn in by the dean, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. Young), my friend of many years. Thank you for your guidance. And, again, I don't drink, but I am happy to have ice cream with anybody anytime.

The Chair will now swear in the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. Young).

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Mr. Young as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE HONORABLE LUKE LETLOW

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all Members-elect and staff present in the Chamber, as well as those throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Honorable Luke Letlow, the Member-elect from the Fifth District of Louisiana.

CHALLENGING SEATING OF MEMBERS-ELECT

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, on my responsibility as a Member-elect, I challenge the seating of Members-elect from the States of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The SPEAKER. Under the precedents, the Chair will ask the Members-elect of those States' delegations to refrain from taking the oath with the other Members-elect.

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SPEAKER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to administer the oath of office to all Representatives-elect.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the adoption of the resolution.

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The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER. The yeas and nays are ordered. Members-elect will record their votes by electronic device.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 2, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 3] YEAS—371

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